

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 were originally filed in the present application.

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-24 were rejected in the December 6, 2006 Office Action.

No claims have been allowed.

Claims 1-24 remain in the present application.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

In Sections 1 and 2 of the December 6, 2006 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,822,973 to *Kelley, et al.* (the “Kelly reference”) in view of prior art made of record in the first Office Action, U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2005/0007973 to *Jang, et al.* (the “Jang reference”). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Claim 1 of the present application requires:

For use in a wireless network, a base station capable of controlling the use of the reduced slot cycle mode by a selected one of a plurality of mobile stations communicating with said base station, said base station comprising:

a message controller capable of transmitting a Page message to a first mobile station notifying said first mobile station that a data session between said base station and said first mobile station is being activated; and

a reduced slot cycle controller coupled to said message controller and capable of receiving from said first mobile station a *Page Response message comprising a minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value requested by said first mobile station*, wherein said reduced slot cycle controller, in response to receipt of said Page Response message, causes said message controller to transmit to said first mobile station a Release Order message comprising a modified data field containing a *selected reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* at which said first mobile station will operate. (emphasis added).

Notably, Claim 1 requires, for example, a Page Response message comprising a *minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* requested by said first mobile station. The Kelley reference, on

the other hand, merely discloses that when a mobile station initiates a reduced slotted mode operation, the base station receives a request including a *desired reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* and a desired reduced slotted timer value. Kelly reference, column 5, lines 35-55. There is no teaching, disclosure or suggestion within the Kelley reference of any relationship, if any, between a “desired” reduced SCI and the “minimum” reduced SCI value as required by Claim 1. The Kelley reference thus fails to teach or disclose, for example, a Page Response message comprising a *minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* requested by said first mobile station requested by the mobile station, as required by Claim 1.

Similarly, the Jang reference merely discloses, for example, a Page Response Message containing one or more data fields with a shortened Slot Cycle Index (SCI) value and a duration value for the length of time to maintain the shortened slot cycle (SSC). Jang reference, page 3, paragraph [0038]. There is no teaching, disclosure or suggestion within the Jang reference of any relationship, if any, between a “desired” reduced SCI and the “minimum” reduced SCI value required by Claim 1. The Jang reference thus fails to teach or disclose, for example, a Page Response message comprising a *minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* requested by said first mobile station requested by the mobile station, as required by Claim 1.

Therefore, the Kelly reference, either alone or in any combination with the Jang reference, fails to disclose a Page Response message comprising a *minimum reduced slot cycle index (SCI) value* requested by said first mobile station, as required by Claim 1. Moreover, there is no suggestion or motivation within either reference to prompt one of ordinary skill in the art to

selectively combine discrete elements from each reference and then seek out still others as required by Claim 1 (and its dependents). Thus, Claim 1 and its dependents are allowable.

Similar arguments exist for independent Claims 7, 13 and 19 (and their respective dependents).

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the §103 rejection and allow Claims 1-24.

SUMMARY

For the reasons given above, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims and that this application be passed to issue. If any outstanding issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *jmockler@munckbutrus.com*.

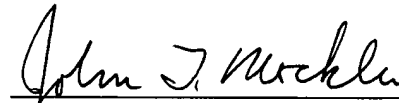
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